

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary
February 3, 2014
Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Randy Beacham, David Burnham, Dan Darsey, Ed Hoard, Monica Ladson, John Lipscomb, Melvin Mosier, Jess Porter, Darlene Ragon, Karla Redman, Chuck Sims, Clark Madden, Vickie & Reginald Henry and Buzz Kutcher.

Office of Homeland Security Report: Director Glen Goens No report

Net Manager's Report: Dan Darsey We had 57 check-ins in Jan on Winlink. We are changing our Sunday Net to begin at 2130 GMT or 1630 local time. New check-in time will begin this Sunday. Darlene Ragon volunteered to be Net Control for May 2014. Still in need of Net Control volunteers for the remainder of the year.

VE Team: Jess Porter Our group assisted with the licensing of 28 new hams in 2013 for a total of 84 Ham Radio Operators in the 3 years our club has been in existence.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe No report

Field Day: Franklin Cook & Randy Beachman 145 days until Field Day which will be held the weekend of June 28, 2014.

Skywarn Coordinator Report: Elaine Stachowiak Check the Yahoo Group for any training classes or activation of the Skywarn Net.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher We have 24 active paying members in our Club. In January we held 4 Nets, 6 meetings for a total of 204 hours. At the last Ham Cram we had a 100% pass rate and licensed 7 new Technicians. 11 members of our group attended and passed their CERT training. Buzz gave a reminder that the 3rd Monday of each month is the CERT continuing training. We had 8 members attend the annual conference in Forsyth in January. Our ARES group was in a stand-by mode during the recent snow storm. Three of our members attended the RMS Express class sponsored by the Newton County ARES club. Contact Dan Darsey if you have a tee shirt that you want emblazoned with our club emblems. We are still in need of a volunteer to do research on insurance for our club members. We are still in need of a volunteer to manage the club library. The Extra Class Study Group will meet Feb 10th and Mike Crowe will be teaching that night the digital section of the study book.

Club Business: 2014 Club dues are due March 1st, they are \$20 and please give your money to our Treasurer, Glen Wyatt.

Please give your suggestions or ideas for monthly class topics to Buzz Kutcher.

Hopefully our field trip to the NWS in Peachtree City will be in April or May.

If you have any suggestions for a February exercise, please contact Dan Darsey or Buzz Kutcher.

Ed Hoard has graciously agreed to be our club's Public Information Officer and has also volunteered to publish a monthly digital newsletter. Many Thanks to him!

Melvin Mosier's service dog, Scout, has been awarded the call sign of KK4DOG for his honorable service.

February 27, 2014 is the Dalton Hamfest. Mike Crowe & Dan Darsey are planning to attend the Orlando Hamfest.

Treasurers' Report: We have \$281.00 in our General Fund club account. We have also raised \$404.37 for the Repeater Fund. Tonight Glen received \$40 in dues money.

Old Business:

New Business: Randy Beacham volunteered to coordinate the purchase and delivery of flowers from Club members to the memorial service for Bart Smith's Mother.

Program: Buzz Kutcher taught a very educational class on the Fundamental of Repeaters. He encouraged members to install and become familiar with the workings of Echolink. It was also suggested that we use Simplex frequency 147.525 when our group travels in convoy to activities.

Raffle Funds: Members raised \$61.00 tonight through the sale of raffle tickets.